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EMERALD CHAMPIONS NEW PEDICAB LAW

Councilmember Marti Emerald is pleased to announce the signing of AB 2294, which changes the California Vehicle Code to allow cities to require pedicab operators to have a valid California driver's license.

Emerald chairs the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee and says, "I'm very pleased the Governor signed this bill into law. And look forward to amending our local pedicab ordinance so that the public will not only be able to enjoy their pedicab rides; they'll be safer, too."

Through the PS&NS committee, Emerald spearheaded the ordinance which requires pedicab operators to have a valid California Driver's license after a tourist was killed in July, 2009.

Emerald worked with our local representatives in the state legislature to push for tougher laws to protect the public.

Governor Schwarzenegger signed the bill into law before the deadline passed.

The law goes into effect January 1st, 2011.

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